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A THIRD PARTY

Political experts in the United States have long predicted that realignment of the major parties is inevitable. This is probably true although it is by no means certain.

Eventually, the United States might have a Conservative or a Labor Party—as in the case of Great Britain. The Conservative Party would be formed from Conservative Democrats and Republicans, while the left-wing elements in both parties would join to form the Labor Party—or Liberal Party, or whatever it might be called.

Until the parties are realigned, however, there will continue to be a threat of a third party in Presidential elections. The threat of a third party in 1960 has already been raised. In the South Conservative Democrats have long been bucking the domination of the left-wing elements in the National Democratic Party. In 1948, four Southern States bolted and supported a States' Rights Democratic candidate. In 1952, several Southern States jumped the track and voted for President Eisenhower. In 1956, the same thing happened.

In other words, there is no longer a Solid South, as far as National Democratic Party is concerned. Conservative Democrats have no where to go since neither party is bidding for their support. As long as neither party bids for the support of the conservatives in the South, there is the likelihood that this element will support a third party candidate.

Although most people in the United States think very little about it, the nation came close to seeing a historical development in 1948. Senator Thurmond, a Democrat from South Carolina, who recently suggested that a third party might be formed in 1960, was the States' Rights Democratic candidate in 1948 and carried four Southern States and won one electoral vote in a fifth state. Had he carried three additional Southern States, he would have received enough votes to have thrown the election of a President into the House of Representatives.

It is possible that unless someone begins to bid for the votes of conservatives, in both parties, these conservatives might withdraw from both parties and field a strong third party ticket in 1960.

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HAPPINESS IS MENTAL

One of the secrets of life which we must all learn, before it is too late, is that happiness is not the result of material things, but a mental achievement.

You have probably often seen people who are in the most humble circumstances who are completely happy, who get much out of life and much out of people. No doubt you have also encountered those who have limitless sources of money but who are not happy, who are continually chasing rainbows and have few friends and get very little out of life.

It is true that money does not necessarily bring happiness. A great many wealthy men will admit that the richer they become, the less serene and the less fruitful their lives became.

In summary, the lesson of life is to learn to be happy with what nature has endowed us. We need not be the richest man or woman in our community, nor do we have to have great riches at all. If we are intelligent enough to be thankful for all the things we have (and all of us have many things) and get as much out of life as we can, as we go along, we can be happy regardless of the extent of our material wealth.

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STUDY THE BIBLE

There are a great many people in the world who do not believe everything that is in the Bible. There are others who take every word and punctuation mark literally and attempt to live a life strictly within the confines of what they consider to be the Bible's rigid teaching.

We have no quarrel with either philosophy. The main purpose of our writing is that we think the Bible holds great possibilities for every citizen. One need not be of any particular denomination nor need he be of any particular creed.

The Bible has enough good logic, good sense and inspiration to attract and benefit all, whether they be Christians or not. We sometimes overlook the fact that the Bible contains a great source of happiness and peace of mind for those who are troubled and confused in the fast pace of life.

The old custom of reading the Bible periodically is not followed by many Americans today. However, we suggest you take your Bible off the shelf each night, or as often as you can, and read something from it. You will be surprised—or you will have brought back to your memory—the value of the Bible and its teachings.

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THE DAYS GROW SHORTER

Fall arrived, officially, early on the morning of September 23rd. This day then, included just a little less daylight than did the 22nd.

And, from the 23rd of September until December 21st, the days will grow shorter. The length of time the sun is above the horizon and the time it was below the horizon was practically even in September 22nd and 23rd. By December 21st, the days will be so short a hunter will have to get into the woods or fields pretty early if he is going to have time to hunt, so that he will have enough daylight to get in an afternoon of hunting.

Fall, by the way, is one of the healthier seasons. More people seem to die in the spring than any other time of the year. So, remembering that life will someday come to and end, get out into the great out-or-doors and enjoy the beautiful days and nature's magnificant show of color and scenic wonder.

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Many people are looking for excuses for postponing their work; that is why they have to look for excuses for not having cash when they need it.

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Everybody likes to see his or her name in print, provided nice things are said.

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What's become of that friend who borrowed a few dollars from you a few months ago?

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Hint to religious leaders: You can't reform an entire community, but you can help an individual.

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One trouble with the average vacation is that you lose so much time, after you get home, recuperating from your vacation.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 1—6
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 3:11-23.

Ideal and Real

Lesson for October 6, 1957

PAUL was not the fly-by-night sort of preacher who passes through a town, stirs up a meeting and moves on; so to speak, without looking back. He was not the kind of missionary who preaches to the natives gathered on the river bank, starts his engine and cruises on down the river, confident that the gospel has been brought to the people. Paul being a statesman as well as a saint, a psychologist as well as a theologian, stayed long enough — whenever they would let him—in every place he visited, to found a church, a going, active fellowship of believers. Then after he left, he would take time from his more than busy life to write back. He knew that churches, like new Christians, like new babies, need post-natal care. It is not safe to bring them into the world and just leave them.

Dr. Foreman

Called to Be Saints

No church gave Paul more trouble than the one at Corinth. That city was big, booming and bad. Most of the Corinthian church members had had no background of experience in the high religion of the Jews, but came in from raw paganism. Few of them were persons of great culture. At the time Paul wrote to them first, none of them had been Christians long. And yet Paul writes to them as the "sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints." As J. B. Phillips translates Paul's Greek, these Corinthians are "those whom Christ has made holy, who are called to be God's men and women." Almost every one of Paul's letters to Christian churches begins on this same high note. To the Ephesian Christians he writes that they have been "stamped with the promised Holy Spirit as a guarantee of purchase" (Phillips). The Colossians he calls "saints and faithful brethren." Theologians and others have often discussed the question: Is the church human or divine? If we take Saint Paul seriously, we have to say, at least, that the church is made of persons who have been touched and are being transformed by the divine.

"There Is Quarreling . . ."

The ink is hardly dry on the high words Paul has used to describe his "brothers" in the Corinthian church, when he begins to write in a quite different key. "It has been reported," he says, "that there is quarreling among you." The reader who pushes on through this and the second letter to the Corinthians may be shocked by what he sees. These people are unspiritual (3:1), they are babies (3:2), there is jealously and strife among them (3:3). Gross sin goes on among them unrebuked (5:1,2). They have lawsuits against one another (6:1). They have to be warned against prostitution (6:15, 16). Some of them came drunk to communion, or got drunk there (11:21). Paul is afraid that when he next visits them he may find "selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit and disorder" (II Cor. 12:20). How can he say such things to people who have been "sanctified" and are "called to be saints"? The truth is, Paul sees the Corinthians, as he saw all his converts and all his churches, in two lights. He sees the ideal church, what it ought to be and what in the mind of God it already is, or more precisely what it is destined to be.

The Answer

Now the church moves from where it is to where it is to be. But by what power? What is the the secret of the church's transformation from what it is to what it is destined to become, from the real to the ideal? The answer is—in one word—Christ. Paul calls him the "power of God and the wisdom of God." In other words, as Christ comes to live in the hearts of these raw, imperfect, quarreling Christians-by-intention, they will become changed, as time goes on, more and more into his likeness. As they face their many problems, they will learn to find the solutions as they learn more and more what the spirit of Christ really is. If Christ lives in his church, the church will not be tempted to confuse what it is with what it ought to be,—it will not mistake the real church for the ideal one; but on the other hand, if He lives in the church, no one has a right to be discouraged, and fear that the ideal will never come true.

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Indians are going to get some of their farm land back — and let that be a lesson to them. —The Omaha World-Herald.

Appomattox is a growing town.

A psychologist is a person who used $2 words to explain a failure caused by himself. —Buffalo News.

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Washington Notes

POPULATION

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NAVY MOVES

Navy moves by the Defense has closed the Army's ammunition and layoffs in others and the scrapping of the Navy's part of its long-range guided Triton, after a total of has had been spent on the

FIVE DAY WORK WEEK?

A five-day work week — a dream for the laborer and nation will take a toll of 51,000 lives in the year 1975, according to Dr. S. T. Hitchcock, chief of the division of highway transport research U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. Dr. Hitchcock expects highway travel to be about 1,119,000,000 vehicle-miles in 1975.

SURPLUS BUTTER

Government warehouses are beginning to be loaded up again with surplus butter under a price - support program. Stocks at the beginning of September totaled 72,000,000 pounds, compared with less than 3,000,000 pounds a year earlier, according to the Agriculture Department. While the department has been buying only slightly more surplus butter than a year ago, its effort to dispose of oversupplies have been less successful. Large amounts have been donated to the school-lunch program and to public welfare institutions.

ROAD TOLL

Accidents on the highways of this country will take a toll of 40,000 lives in the year 1957, followed by the tax on cigarettes.

PAY TELEVISION

The Federal Communications Commission has agreed to permit tryouts of Pay-as-you-see television in this countryse xt year. The FCC announced it would consider applications from promotors of subscription TV to start trial runs on a limited basis. Tests would run for a period of three years, to prove its workability for home use.

EXCISE TAXES

Uncle Sam received more than $10,500,000,000 in the 1957 fiscal year, which ended June 30, from excise taxes. This compared with $10,004,195,000 in fiscal 1956. The biggest single revenue - producer was the excise tax on distilled spirits which brought in $2,121,411,000 during the year, followed by the tax on cigarettes.

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Summer is that season of the year when a housewife can put anything on a lettuce leaf and call it a special salad. —Greensboro, Ga., Herald Journal.

If you want to live to be 90, do not look for it on a speedometer. —Trainmna News.

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Most grown-ups who use their heads know that a free press is just as essential to the completeness of man's liberty as oxygen is to his life. Our law gives us *the right to know* . . . the free American press is our *way to know*.

Small fry, of course, place a different value on the newspapers. They grab "the funnies" and drop to the floor, briefly lost in the enchanting world of Popeye and Dick Tracy and Little Orphan Annie. What a shame, we say, that they have to grow up! But grow up they must, and those of us who have been over the road know that slow as they once seemed, childhood years move breathtakingly fast. We know it's not far from the first grade to the first job . . . *not far from Popeye to the polls.*

It's comforting to know that the little fellows we love can live their lives with *the right to know* and *the way to know*. Just as the future of the United States lies with them, so does their ability to safeguard it lie with the American free press which will keep them informed, and through which they can raise a mighty voice.

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